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WITH THE NAME ALLAH, THE GRACIOUS, THE COMPASSIONATE

Masjid Muhammad Newark

Presents

W. DEEN MUHAMMAD

Theme For Public Addresses

**'SACRED LIFE
CONNECTIONS'
SATURDAY**

July 18th, 1987

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BACKGROUND OF W. DEEN MUHAMMAD

AS LEADER OF THE LARGEST COMMUNITY OF MUSLIMS IN AMERICA, IMAM WARITH DEEN MUHAMMAD HAS TAKEN BOLD STRIDES TO ENCOURAGE AND ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE GREAT FAITHS, JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND AL-ISLAM. THIS NOTED LEADER HAS MET WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RELIGIOUS COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE, TO BEGIN ADDRESSING MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING AMERICA AND THE WORLD TODAY IN UNITY. IMAM W. DEEN MUHAMMAD HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE MANY LEADERS WHO HAVE HEARD HIM AS HAVING THE "MOST POWERFUL SOCIO-INTELLECT OF OUR TIMES."

IMAM MUHAMMAD IS THE SON OF THE LATE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, WHO WAS ONE OF THE LEADING FIGURES IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE DIGNITY AND RESPECT IN AMERICA. ON FEBRUARY 25, 1975 UPON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF HIS FATHER, IMAM MUHAMMAD ENTERED INTO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LARGEST MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. HE PUBLICALLY DEBUNKED ALL FORMS OF RACISM, ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION BY WOMEN IN SOCIAL DECISION MAKING, SEPARATED BUSINESS FROM RELIGION AND ENCOURAGED MEMBERS OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES.

W. DEEN MUHAMMAD GUIDED AND INSPIRED THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN AMERICA TO BE IN LINE WITH MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE PRACTICE OF AL-ISLAM, I.E., BELIEF IN THE ONENESS OF ALLAH (GOD-ALMIGHTY); THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD AS THE LAST MESSENGER OF ALLAH AND THE ONE WHO RECEIVED THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY BOOK, AL-QURAN; FASTING DURING THE MONTH, OF RAMADAN; PAYING ZAKAT (CHARITY) AND HAAJ (THE PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA). THESE ARE CALLED THE FIVE PILLARS OF AL-ISLAM, AND THEY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE ONE BILLION MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

IMAM MUHAMMAD IS A SENSITIVE LEADER WITH GREAT SCRIPTURAL INSIGHT INTO THE BIBLE, TORAH AND HOLY QURAN. HIS UNIQUE ABILITY TO APPLY THIS INTERPRETATION TO SOCIAL ISSUES HAVE ATTAINED HIM NUMEROUS AWARDS AND HIGH HONORS. EXTENSIVE TRAVELS HAVE TAKEN HIM TO MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AS THE INVITED GUEST OF MANY GOVERNMENTS AND HEADS OF STATE. MOST RECENTLY HE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RABITAT, AN INTERNATIONALLY BASED AND SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION WHO'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO CONVEY ISLAMIC TEACHINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND DISPELL WRONG IMPRESSIONS ABOUT AL-ISLAM AND MUSLIMS.

MARRIED TO SHIRLY MUHAMMAD AND THE FATHER OF FIVE CHILDREN, IMAM MUHAMMAD CURRENTLY LIVES IN CHICAGO, IS THE AUTHOR OF FIVE BOOKS AND FEATURED WRITER IN THE **MUSLIM JOURNAL** WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AND THE ISLAMIC PERIODICAL, **PROGRESSIONS**. W. DEEN MUHAMMAD IS CURRENTLY ON A NATIONWIDE SPEAKING TOUR WITH THE THEME 'SACRED LIFE CONNECTIONS.'